

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of :

Alfred WEBER et al.

Group Art Unit: 1652

Serial No.: Continuation of 09/509,608 Examiner: K. Kerr

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For: PROCESS FOR THE PRODUCTION OF ERGOSTEROL AND ITS  
INTERMEDIATE PRODUCTS USING RECOMBINANT YEAST

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to initial examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**IN THE SPECIFICATION**

Please insert the following paragraph on page 1 after the title:

This application is a continuation of USSN 09/509,608, filed June 19, 2000, which is the national stage filing of PCT application No. PCT/EP98/06134, filed September 28, 1998, which claims priority to German Application No. 197 44 212.9, filed September 30, 1997.

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

The status of the claims are as follows:

Claims 1-26 (**canceled**)